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SUBJECT: SOVIET VISA REFUSALS - SHAPIRO AND FEINSTEIN

1. SINCE DECEMBER'S SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH CULTURE, DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED A GENERAL TIGHTENING UP BY SOVIET EMBASSY HERE ON VISAS FOR AMERICAN JEWS.

2. LATEST INSTANCES ARE:

A. CANCELLATION OF VISAS ALREADY ISSUED TO DR. AND MRS. EDWARD SHAPIRO WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE EVENING OF MARCH 10TH, RPT MARCH 10TH, WITH YALE UNIVERSITY CHORUS FOR SOVIET SINGING TOUR. CHORUS DIRECTOR HAS ASKED SOVIET EMBASSY TO RECONSIDER; SHAPIRO IS A SOLOIST AND HIS ABSENCE WOULD GREATLY AFFECT THE PROGRAM. SENATOR KENNEDY AND CONG. DRINAN HAVE ALSO ASKED SOVIET EMBASSY TO RECONSIDER,

B. REVOCATION OF VISA OF DR. STEPHEN FEINSTEIN, ASSOCIATE
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PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN HISTORY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN'S SOVIET SEMINAR CHARTER. FEINSTEIN HAS BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION EIGHT TIMES WITH STUDY GROUPS. HE HAS HAD CONTACT WITH "REFUSNIKS" AND HAS BEEN WHAT THE SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWRY, BUT THIS HAS APPARENTLY BEEN OVERLOOKED BEFORE. SOVIET EMBASSY

OFFICER, UPON INQUIRY BY EUR/SOV, STATED TURN-DOWNS WERE
DECIDED UPON BY MINISTRY WITH NO EXPLANATION GIVEN.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY RAISE CASES WITH MINISTRY ON AN URGENT
BASIS. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINT IN REQUESTING
RECONSIDERATION: REFUSAL/REVOCATION OF VISAS TO AMERICAN
CITIZENS TAKING PART IN CULTURAL OR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS,
SUCH AS THE YALE CHORUS TOUR AND THE WISCONSIN SEMINAR
CHARTER IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE US OR THE SOVIET
UNION.
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